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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Madera County Transportation Commission's (MCTC) 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
5	State Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">Modifies various projects in Madera County. The projects included in this amendment are funded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) program. See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 5 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). "Purchase video/teleconferencing equipment (MPO Id: MAD302041)" project is not approved as part of this amendment since it is not eligible for CMAQ funding. Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types that have been found by MCTC to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. These projects are included and submitted by MCTC through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans

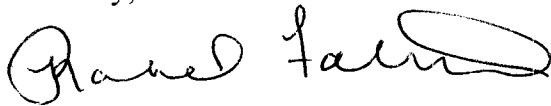
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concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. MCTC prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,



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Chief
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Enclosures

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